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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA IMPOSES IMPORT CONTROL ON SHIRTING
MATERIALS

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1. GOM ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 17, SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL, IMPORT CONTROLS ON ALL TYPES OF COTTON-SYNTHETIC BLENDED SHIRTING MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PRODUCED LOCALLY. MINISTER TRADE AND INDUSTRY DATO HAMZAH ABU SAMAH SAID MOVE WAS NECESSARY TO PROTECT LOCAL TEXTILE INDUSTRY FROM DUMPING OF FOREIGN TEXTILES.

2. HAMZAH SAID THAT UNLESS STEPS WERE TAKEN TO PROTECT LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, IT WAS LIKELY MOST LOCAL TEXTILE MILLS WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN.

3. COMMENT: MALAYSIA IMPORTS ABOUT FIVE MILLION SQUARE YARDS OF BLENDED MATERIALS ANNUALLY MOSTLY FROM JAPAN AND HONG KONG. SEVERAL TEXTILE MILLS HAVE ALREADY LAID OFF WORKERS AND SLACKENING OF WORLD DEMAND FOR TEXTILES COMES AT TIME WHEN MALAYSIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY WITH DOUBLING OF SPINDLE CAPACITY OVER 1972-73 CAPACITY ORIGINALLY PROJECTED DURING NEXT 12-18 MONTHS. IMPORT CONTROL ON SHIRTING MATERIAL
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IS BUT ONE OF ACTIONS GOM EXPECTED TO TAKE IN ATTEMPT TO

MINIMIZE IMPACT ON MALAYSIA OF DOWNTURN IN WORLD ECONOMIES.

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